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The Proving of Virginia. By DAISY RHODES CAMPBELL. Boston: The Page Company. Pp. 340. \$1.25 net.

Virginia Hammond, a young violinist with wonderful ability, meets a rich aunt at a boarding school, and although she had not been on good terms with the family since the marriage of the girl's mother to a man whom she considered beneath her, takes a great fancy to the girl and takes her home to live. Here the girl has everything that money can buy until misfortune carries away much of the aunt's property. To provide for study in Europe, Virginia in company with some other musicians tours the west and by her rare skill makes enough money to study under the great teachers of Paris.

The Spell of Tyrol. By W. D. MCCracken. Boston: The Page Company. Pp. 328. \$2.50 net.

It has been the aim of the author of this book to give an appreciative account of this beautiful country and its people; and this new edition of *The Fair Land Tyrol* under a new title to correspond with others of the series will undoubtedly have the good reception it deserves. The general reader of travel and description will find great interest from beginning to end, and those who have made the tour will find it refreshing and instructive. Like the other members of the series it is well illustrated.

Fundamental Sources of Efficiency. By FLETCHER DURELL. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Company. Pp. 368. \$2.50.

The author attempts to analyze the various sources of efficiency into a few elemental principles. Considerable has been done in studying efficiency in special fields, but such studies do not seem to have proceeded with sufficient regard to the more fundamental principles underlying all efficiency. It should prove a very useful book to all students of the problem and educators will find suggestions well worth their consideration.

The Mathematical Analysis of Electrical and Optical Wave-Motion on the Basis of Maxwell's Equations. By H. BATEMAN. Cambridge: The University Press; G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York representatives. Pp. 159. 7/6 net.

This is intended "as an introduction to some recent developments of Maxwell's electromagnetic theory which are connected with the solution of the partial differential equation of wave-motion." The higher developments based upon dynamical equations are not considered, and, to bring the work within bounds and range of a reader with limited mathematical knowledge, some things are omitted and others stated without proof. It is a good introduction to this interesting field.